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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Examiners in Optometry
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Bryan Sterling, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Joseph Senall, Professional Member
Evelyn Nestlerode, Public Member
Irvin Bowers, Public Member

Members Absent

Dr. Jeffrey Hilovsky, Professional Member, President

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Lisa Smith, Administrative Specialist II
David Mangler, Division Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Michele Haranin
Cheryl Heiks

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Sterling called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 22, 2015 meeting. Dr. Senall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nestlerode to approve the minutes as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at the August 12, 2015 meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Singh stated that there was an additional written correspondence submitted by the Delaware Optometric Association after the July 22, 2015 Rules and regulations Hearing. This correspondence was added to the Final Board Order as Board Exhibit 5. The Board members began deliberation of the Board Order in preparation for a final vote.

Dr. Senall asked Ms. Singh if it was necessary to have a final vote at the evenings meeting, or if the Board could revisit the Final Order at a future meeting. Ms. Singh explained to the Board what would need to be done in order for there to be any substantive changes made to the Rules and Regulations. The Board would need to request that a Public Hearing Notice be published in the DE State News and News Journal 30 days prior to the Hearing. An additional Public Hearing would need to be held, there would be a 15 day period for additional written public comment and then there would be deliberation and vote on the proposed Final Order.

Dr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dr. Senall to approve the Final Order as presented. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The Board members discussed the 2016 Joint Sunset Review Questionnaire from the previous meeting as well as the version of the Questionnaire submitted by Dr. Hilovsky.

Ms. Singh read aloud the completed Questionnaire which will be submitted to the Joint Sunset Review Board.

Mr. Mangler suggested that the Board add mention of the visit to Salus University in the fall of 2013. Two Board members and Mr. James Collins attended. Dr. Senall stated that the members met faculty and clinical staff and were given a tour of the facility as well as insights into changes in curriculum.

Mr. Mangler addressed the Board and briefly described the Joint Sunset Review process that will cover Senate Bill 143. Dr. Haranin stated that a representative from the Delaware Optometric Association would be attending the Joint Sunset Review meetings to answer questions concerning Senate Bill 143 which may arise during the Joint Sunset Review process.

CORRESPONDENCE

Additional written correspondence was submitted by the Delaware Optometric Association after the July 22, 2015 Rules and regulations Hearing.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only)

There was no other business before the Board at the August 12, 2015 Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Haranin described the reasons that the Delaware Optometric Association feels that Rules 7.2 as best practice basic standard for ocular Examination and Treatment as well as 7.2.2 for Contact lens examination and 7.2.3 for follow up Contact Lens Examination remain included in the Rules and Regulations under Minimum Standards of Practice as essential to delivering the care to the public, as defined in the Practice Act.

Dr. Haranin also spoke about the origination of Telehealth, stating that when Telehealth was first introduced it was very broad. Dr. Haranin also stated that there are issues with Telehealth being used to provide services in areas where there is not an adequate number of Health Care Providers. Providers are relying on Telehealth more often in order to get increased access to patients. Both Dr. Haranin and Dr. Senall gave examples of the use of Telehealth in different areas of medicine.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the 1st Floor Conference Room, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Sterling made a motion, seconded by Dr. Senall to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Smith
Administrative Specialist II

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.